## A STUDY OF THE PANAMINTS.

CURIOUS INDIANS IN THE HEART OF THE MOJAVE DESERT.

the Hottest and Rost Arid Snot on the Continent, and Yet the Beser: Furnishes Them With About Precipital of They Wish The result of one of the most interesting studies made by Unite Jerry Tusk's Death Valley exploring expedition of 1841 has just appeared in the form of a ramphlet written by a member of the expedition, Mr. Frederick Vernon Coville. Although Mr. Coville was the botanist of the expedition, this pamphlet is an ethnological study. Its character is in-



falls back on the seeds of the various desert plants, and so finds food for his wants.

The most important of these seeds is that of the nut pine, which grows sparsely about the mountain tops. It is a shrub of a tree, and the crop is not hard to hayvest. In early autumn the cones are beaten from the trees, gathered in bashets which the squaws make, and are carried to camp and sureal out in the sun to cure. In that climate the scales rapidly dry and crack apart when the mass of cones is benten as with a flail. The seeds are thus separated, and are then gathered into baskets. Improvident as the indians are in most matters, they heard the pine nats as a miser does his gold. The harvest is invariably cached in caves or other dry places, and instances are known where nuts from an abundant harvest have been kept over for a season when the supply was scant. They are said to keep for years. Their Home Is In and Near Beath Valley.

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The pine nut has a thin shell that is easily removed by the testh. In spite of a slight taste of turpentine this nut is relished by whites as well as indians sust as it comes from the tree. Nevertheless, the nuts are commonly roasted. The Indians put them in a basket with live coals and shake them around till the thin shells spilt and crack open. The coals, by the way, when from the nut pine or the large roots of the grease bush or from the measuit, are as hot and long lived as any coals a man could wish for but no task is known to the camper more unsatisfactory than the attempt to bake bread with a greaseously fire.





skilful. The materials used are the year-old shoots of a tough willow, shoots from the aromatic sumae, a certain kind of grass straw, and the long, slender, flexible blackthorns on the mature pods of the unicorn plant, known there as devil's horns. The slender red roots of the yuera are also sometimes used. What with the white of the willow, the black of the horns, and the red of the roots, some very striking effects in barbaric art work are sometimes obtained.



A DECADE OF COMIC OPERA.

THE CHANGES WROUGHT IN THE MC-CAULL AND ARONSON FORCES.

Many of the Fun Makers Have Become Prosperous Stars, and Nearly All Have Fared Well-An Interesting Retrospect of the Work of the Two Managers-There Will Be Opera Again at the Casino.

The recent disbandment of the Casino comic opera troupe by Manager Aronson marked the close of a remarkable decade of this class of popular entertainment in the metropolis, and was a striking illustration of the vicissitudes of this comic opera Impresario's life. Two managers held the reins of control during the ten years while this well-liked playhouse echoed the strains of operetta, and both have seen their forces scattered and their highsalaried stars pass to the management of rival managers, or become stars on their own account, with a company of their own to sup-

now reputed to be worth considerable money, made by the prosperous career of "Wang. Hopper was one of the Casino principals back in 1885, playing in "The Bat." Annie Myers and Dighy Bell, who were associates with him in the McCauli company, have also tried the starring experiment since they were stock company members. Annie Myers's contract at the Casine expired just before the ahandonment of comic opera by the Aronsons, and she returned to "The Tar and Tartar" company, of which she and Comedian Dighy Bell were members when it was list; produced, Annie is a handsome woman, and has been twice married and has a child. She owns a house in Baltimore, and has been saving and laid scide a comfortable sum for a rainy day. Dighy Bell's first conspicuous work as a singing comedian was made in "The Sorreore," at the old Bhou Theatre, with Lillian Russell as a member of the company, and directly after ward he joined the company, and directly after ward he joined the company, and there is no telling formed after he abandoned the practice of a member of the company that Cod. McCauli formed after he abandoned the practice of the company and there is no telling how much he is worth in easis. His last work as a singing sand when he wants to act, but he is a ree spender of money, and there is no telling how much he is worth in easis. His last work as a start was in "Jupiter."

Marion Manola, who enjoyed a degree of the company, did not gain by the dislandment of the company, which whom she is now starring in the West in "If I Were Yea." She appeared here has the tell-fatel. Thobbers of the Rhine' company at the Elifth Avenue Theatre. Of other favorities of the Casino and McCauli company Mathida Cottrelly is probably the richest in worldly possessions. She owns a house at New Roethelle, and she has saved a good deal. William T. Carleton is head of a company of his own. Bertha Ricci, who graduated from the chorus in St. Louis to become a Casino star, is playing in "Ali Baba." Lilly Post, who was in the cast of "The Queen's Lace H

SHARP FUN IN HUNTING COURS. Connect cut Farmers and Sportsmen Ar Very Busy These Fine Nights.

Nonwich, Conn., Oct. 28.-Coons abound in Nonwich. Conn., Oct. 28.—Coons abound in Connecticut, and the depredations they have What a Colonei of Gen. perpetrated in eastern Connecticut corn-fields and fowl houses this fall have all but driven the rural hill-town farmers frantic. It is the next thing to being impossible, the exasperated farmers say, to catch one of the ringtailed rascals at his nocturnal deviltry. The passing of Monsieur Raccoon, they are ready to admit, is like the passing of a shadow. An hour or two after nightfall he glides out of the woods, booted with beautiful soft shoes. Instinct directs and He Was the Preserver Also of John hunger impels him into the fattest and finest cornfield in his neighborhood. He steals, like the thief he is, to the most corpulent corn shock in the field, and then the easy dexterity with which he yanks cornstalks out of their

bundles and husks the white, julcy ears is a

caution to the farmer and a hopeless example

to hired men. Said a discouraged Salem farm-

er a day or two ago:
"I've got just fifteen acres of field corn this

CCL. SILLOWAYE

McClellan's Staff Says.

He Saved President Lincoln from Capture.

Jacob Astor.

Col. William A. H. Sillowave is Go years oil. He resides at Bellows Falls, Vt., and is some nected with the Bellows Falls Times. Helica something of the most vital interest to say to his fellow soldiers of the G. A. H. at 1 to his fellowmen the world ever

